

REMARKS

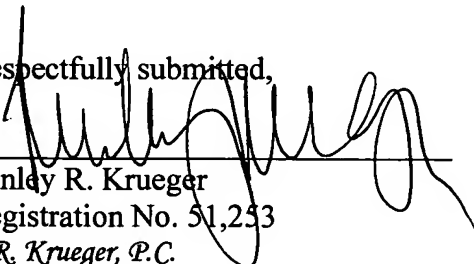
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

Claims 16, 21-22, 25, 27, 30-32 and 34 stand objected to. Claims 16, 21-22, 25, 27, 30-32 and 34 have been amended herein.

Claims 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. §101. The Office Action states that "since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass." Applicants respectfully submit that pending claim 23 does recite steps involved in the process. In particular, claim 23 recites "the process comprising: (a) providing a suspension of $\text{MCl}_3(\text{THF})_n$ in an ether; (b) providing a suspension of a dilithium salt of (CpR^*Flu) in an ether; (c) reacting suspensions (a) and (b) at molar ratio of suspension (b) to suspension (a) of less than 2 in a salt metathesis reaction at a temperature of from -80°C to 60°C ; (d) crystallizing the product of said salt metathesis reaction from said ether in the form of a crystalline powder; (e) recovering said crystalline powder and alkylating said crystalline powder with an alkylating agent incorporating $(\text{C}_3\text{R}'_5)$ in a solvent at a temperature of from -80°C to 60°C , to produce said metallocene catalyst component; and (f) retrieving a neutral complex of said metallocene catalyst component." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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